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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF)
) Examiner:
 Schatch et al)
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 SERIAL NO.:)
) Group Art Unit:
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 FOR: FUNCTIONAL POLY-ALPHA-)
 AMINOACID DERIVATIVES USEFUL)
 FOR THE MODIFICATION OF)
 BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE MATERIALS)
 AND THEIR USE)

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The present application is the national filing of International Application No. PCT/BE00/00066. Before calculation of the national filing fee for the United States, it is requested that the application be amended as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1 - 22 without prejudice, and substitute new claims 36 - 57 as follows:

36. A linear monofunctional or multifunctional poly- α -amino-acid derivative having at least glutamic or aspartic or serinic repeating units in the polymer backbone, the said glutamic or aspartic or serinic repeating units having the formula:



wherein:

- R is defined as $-(CH_2)_n-CO-OR_1$ or $-(CH_2)_n-CO-NHR_2$ or CH_2OH ,